Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

March 2010

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 percent between February 2010 and March 2010 while the Canada All-items Index remained unchanged. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the March All-items Index increased from February 2010 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, women's clothing, and sugar and confectionery. Prices also rose for personal care supplies and equipment, non-alcoholic beverages, dairy products. and preserved fruit and fruit preparations.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, traveller accommodation, and prescribed medicine. Prices also fell for cereal products (excluding infant food), bakery products, household textiles, and travel tours.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.1 percent between March 2009 and March 2010 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.3 percent and 0.9 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The March All-items Index increased from March 2009 primarily due to price increases for gasoline, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, and electricity. Prices also rose for food purchased from restaurants, rent, passenger vehicle insurance premiums, and the purchase and operation of recreational vehicles.

These increases were partially offset by price decreases for natural gas, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, and property taxes (including special charges). Prices also fell for furniture, fresh vegetables, inter-city transportation, and home entertainment, equipment, parts, and services.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	Apr. 2010	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2010 to Apr. 2010	Apr. 2009 to Apr. 2010
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	117.9	117.7	0.2	1.1
Food	122.7	121.7	0.8	0.5
Shelter	139.1	138.7	0.3	-1.3
Household Operations and Furnishings	103.0	102.4	0.6	-0.5
Clothing and Footwear	97.0	96.3	0.7	-0.2
Transportation	110.0	110.1	-0.1	5.0
Health and Personal Care	112.4	112.5	-0.1	3.7
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.2	105.2	-1.0	2.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	135.6	135.0	0.4	3.3
All-Items Excluding Energy	116.6	116.6	0.0	1.1
Energy	129.5	127.9	1.3	0.6
CANADA				
All-Items	115.6	115.6	0.0	1.4
Food	123.1	122.7	0.3	1.3
Shelter	121.7	121.8	-0.1	-0.7
Household Operations and Furnishings	108.3	108.3	0.0	1.4
Clothing and Footwear	93.6	91.2	2.6	-2.2
Transportation	117.1	116.7	0.3	6.0
Health and Personal Care	113.5	113.7	-0.2	2.7
Recreation, Education and Reading	102.5	104.1	-1.5	0.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	131.5	131.4	0.1	1.4
All-Items Excluding Energy	114.1	114.2	-0.1	1.0
Energy	134.5	132.3	1.7	5.8
REGINA				
All-Items	118.1	117.9	0.2	1.3
SASKATOON				
All-Items	118.9	118.7	0.2	0.9

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Mar. 2010 to Apr. 2010	Apr. 2009 to Apr. 2010
Canada	0.0	1.4
Newfoundland	0.7	3.2
Prince Edward Island	0.4	3.2
Nova Scotia	0.7	2.8
New Brunswick	0.2	3.1
Quebec	0.3	1.7
Ontario	0.2	1.4
Manitoba	0.1	1.5
Saskatchewan	0.2	1.1
Alberta	-0.5	1.0
British Columbia	-0.5	0.5
Whitehorse	-0.9	-0.2
Yellowknife	-0.4	2.3
Iqaluit	-0.4	-1.5

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Mar. 2010 to Apr. 2010	Apr. 2009 to Apr. 2010
St. John's	0.7	3.0
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.5	3.0
Halifax	0.6	2.5
Saint John	0.2	3.2
Quebec City	0.3	1.9
Montreal	0.3	1.6
Ottawa	0.2	1.5
Toronto	0.2	1.3
Thunder Bay	0.2	0.8
Winnipeg	0.1	1.4
Regina	0.2	1.3
Saskatoon	0.2	0.9
Edmonton	-0.5	1.2
Calgary	-0.4	0.8
Vancouver	-0.3	0.9
Victoria	-0.4	0.4
Whitehorse	-0.9	-0.2
Yellowknife	-0.4	2.3
Iqaluit	-0.4	-1.5

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